



## Press Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Update - KERN COUNTY STATE ROUTE 58 TO REOPEN TODAY AT 8:00 PM

**Bishop, CA** - The California Department of Transportation and the California Highway Patrol are pleased to announce that State Route 58 has been cleared and repaired in order to reopen the highway to the public. The scheduled time of reopening is 8:00 pm, Wednesday, October 21, 2015.

State Route 58 was closed on Thursday, October 15, 2015 due to a major mudslide located between Cameron Road overcrossing and post mile 166 at 6:07 pm. It was discovered that approximately 1 ½ miles of roadway was covered in 5-6 feet of mud. A total of 78 passenger vehicles, 2 buses, 36 trucks, 1 RV & 1 travel trailer were stuck in the mud. Emergency personnel were able to safely remove all travelers and move them to emergency shelters.

Caltrans crews began clearing the mud and debris that evening and Granite Construction of Bakersfield was brought on with an emergency contract to assist in the cleanup.

Since Thursday evening, workers have cleared and hauled off approximately 75,000 cubic yards of soil, drained standing water, cleaned drainage systems, cleaned and restriped the highway. There were not any injuries or fatalities due to this mudslide on State Route 58.

The storm that hit the Tehachapi area was a 1000 year event that triggered a flash flood from miles off of Caltrans right of way and flowed down the canyons onto State Route 58.

Travelers will see continuing cleanup efforts in the days to come on the shoulders of State Route 58. Motorists are asked to please slow down and move over for workers.

Caltrans and CHP would like to thank the traveling public for their patience during the closure of State Route 58 due to this unfortunate event.

For the latest in highway information please visit Caltrans QuickMap site at [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov) or call our Road Condition Hotline at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623).

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